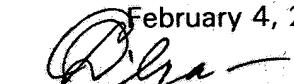




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In re Application of Jian Chen et al. Serial No.: 10/000,157 Filed: October 30, 2001 For: <i>IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and Therapeutic Uses Thereof</i>	Group Art Unit: 1646 Examiner: JIANG, DONG CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on  February 4, 2003 Dilora Haddad
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 14) mailed herein on January 24, 2003, a response to which is due on February 24, 2003, thereby making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect for further prosecution herein the claims of Group III, namely claims 14-21, drawn to an antibody to the polypeptide, a composition thereof, and an article comprising same, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9. In addition, Applicants hereby further elect: PRO10272 (SEQ ID NO:6) from Group A; nucleotide sequence DNA147531 (SEQ ID NO:5) from Group B; and cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number PTA-1185 from Group C; as each Group A, B and C relate to election of Group III. This election is made without traverse.

In light of the election made herein and in the interest of expediting the prosecution of this case, Applicants also request that the claims be amended as follows: